

# Presented by



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# LIBRARY OF THINGS

The What, Why,  
and How of  
Lending Objects



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# HISTORY

**2018:** Launch with 2 kits

**2020:** Add Record Player

**Present:** Expand with  
dedicated **Innovation Line**



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# ITEMS

- LEGO SETS
- PERCUSSION SETS
- LEAP INTO DIRT KITS
- ELECTRICITY MONITOR
- CHROMEBOOKS
- STOP MOTION ANIMATION KIT
- RECORD PLAYERS
- TONIEBOXES
- GOPRO HERO 8
- PROJECTOR & SCREEN
- MUSEUM PASSES
- PARK PASSES



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# FIRST STEPS

- Coordination from every department
- Research libraries, museums, LoT groups, publications, etc.
- Diverse selection
  - Items
  - Assembled kits



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# SELECTING ITEMS

- Start small and build up
- What can supplement a popular collection?
- What do do people want to try?
- Search new items (ads on social media)
- Look and try to buy locally



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# BUDGETING

- Cost of item
- Cost of containers
- Cost of packaging
- Maintenance
- Replacements
- Staff time



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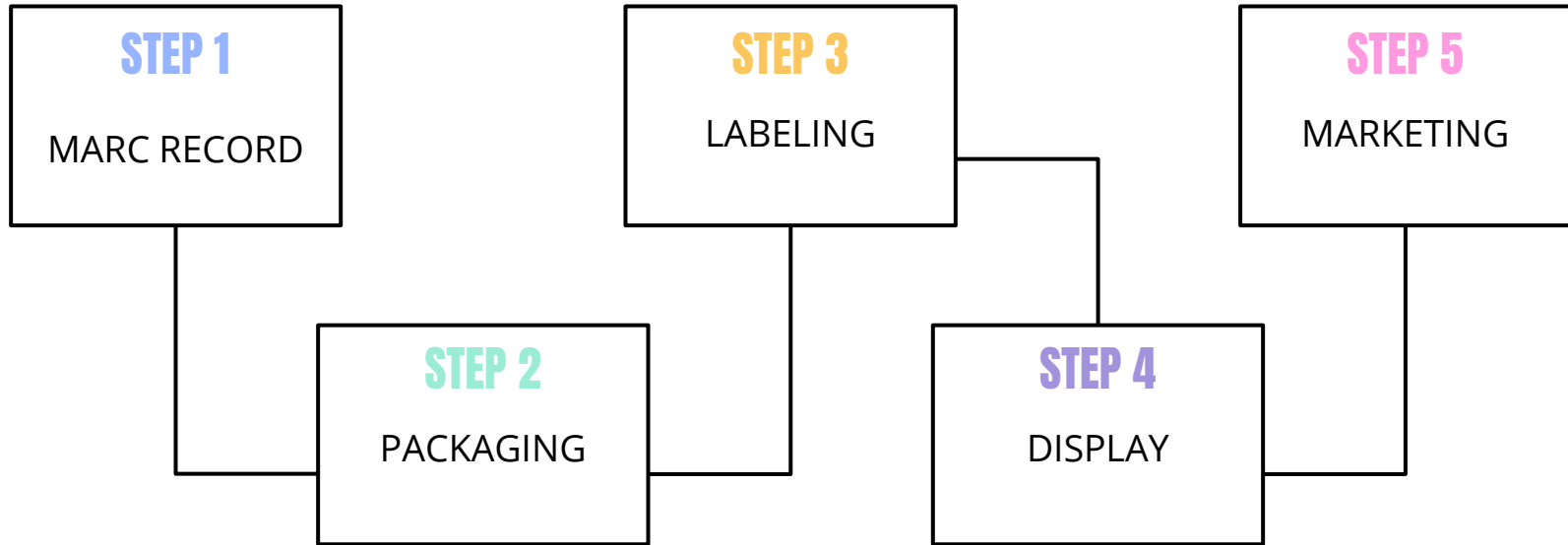
# CREATE MARC RECORD

- Provide detailed product information
- Enticing description of the item
- Break down of how item is packaged
- Cost of item
- LoT shelf location & collection code
- Variety of subject terms

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# DISCOVERABILITY



# WAIVER

- Standard or personalized by item
- Rules for who can use LoT
- Price breakdown by item
- Rules for damaged, missing items
- Include copy of waiver in kit

Library Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the terms and conditions set forth below and agree to abide by these terms and conditions and I certify that I am 18 years of age or older.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baldwinsville Public Library has chosen to loan you the **GoPro HERO8 Kit** so you and/or your household can record stunning action photographs and videos, with unshakable stabilization and built-in mounting. All the items highlighted below **MUST** be included when you return the **GoPro HERO8 Kit**. If one or more of these items arrives missing or damaged, you will be charged the following prices:

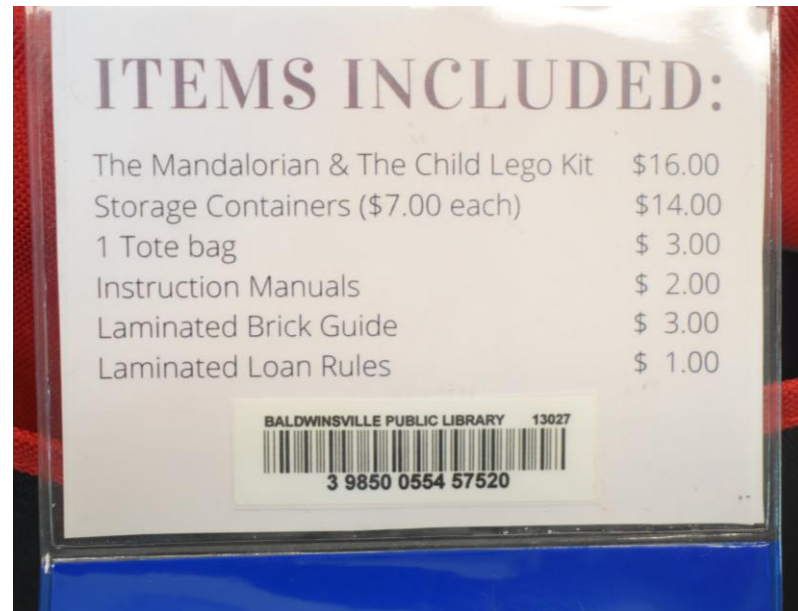
1. GoPro HERO8	\$300.00	6. Charging Cable	\$12.00
2. 32GB SD Card	\$7.00	7. Smatree Hard Case	\$27.99
3. Head Strap	\$9.99	8. Instructions Manual	\$2.00
4. Mount	\$15.00	9. Tripod	\$37.00
5. 2 Rechargeable Batteries	\$38.00 (\$19.00 each)		

By signing above, you understand that your household use of the **GoPro HERO8 Kit** is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this **Loan Agreement**. By accepting this item, you and your household agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I need to have a valid library card, with no outstanding fines exceeding \$5.00, in order to be eligible to check this kit out.
2. I understand the **GoPro HERO8 Kit** must be returned to the Baldwinsville Public Library three weeks from the date of borrowing and cannot be renewed.
3. The **GoPro HERO8 Kit** cannot be returned in the book drop and must be returned directly to a staff member. I will follow these check-in procedures properly to make sure I am credited with the return of this kit.
4. If the **GoPro HERO8 Kit** is not returned, my library card privileges will be blocked until the item is returned in working order and relevant fees are paid. If the kit is returned with missing or damaged individual items, I will be charged the rates above. A copy of this loan agreement is included in the kit.
5. I will not disassemble or attempt to repair any of the items in the GoPro HERO8 Kit.
6. The **GoPro HERO8 Kit** is property of the BPL. The library may request I return it at any time.
7. If any of the items in the **GoPro HERO8 Kit** are lost or stolen, please call the library, **315-635-5631**, as soon as possible. I understand the library may choose not to replace or repair any of these items at its sole discretion.

# ASSESSMENT

- Before selecting an item, brainstorm **how you will assess its success?**
  - Circulation numbers
  - Patron feedback
  - Ease of use
  - Cost of maintenance
  - Time to prepare between returns



ITEMS INCLUDED:	
The Mandalorian & The Child Lego Kit	\$16.00
Storage Containers (\$7.00 each)	\$14.00
1 Tote bag	\$ 3.00
Instruction Manuals	\$ 2.00
Laminated Brick Guide	\$ 3.00
Laminated Loan Rules	\$ 1.00

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# EXPANSION

- Create schedule
- Assign specific tasks to staff
- Get duplicates
- Listen to patron requests
- Create designated space
- Help libraires in your system start a LoT



Toniebox with characters, photo by Dania Souid



# Thank you!

Please reach out with  
any questions!



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# Building a children's library of things collection

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# At the end of this presentation...

You'll be able to describe reasons for incorporating children's materials in the library of things.

You'll be able to identify sources of inspiration for your collection.

You'll be able to apply category, practicality, and priorities to the selection of children's LoT materials.



TAG Toys Spin Around Glitter Drum

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# My background with Library of Things



Ann Arbor District Library, MI



Tigard Public Library, OR

# Why include children's materials in the library of things?



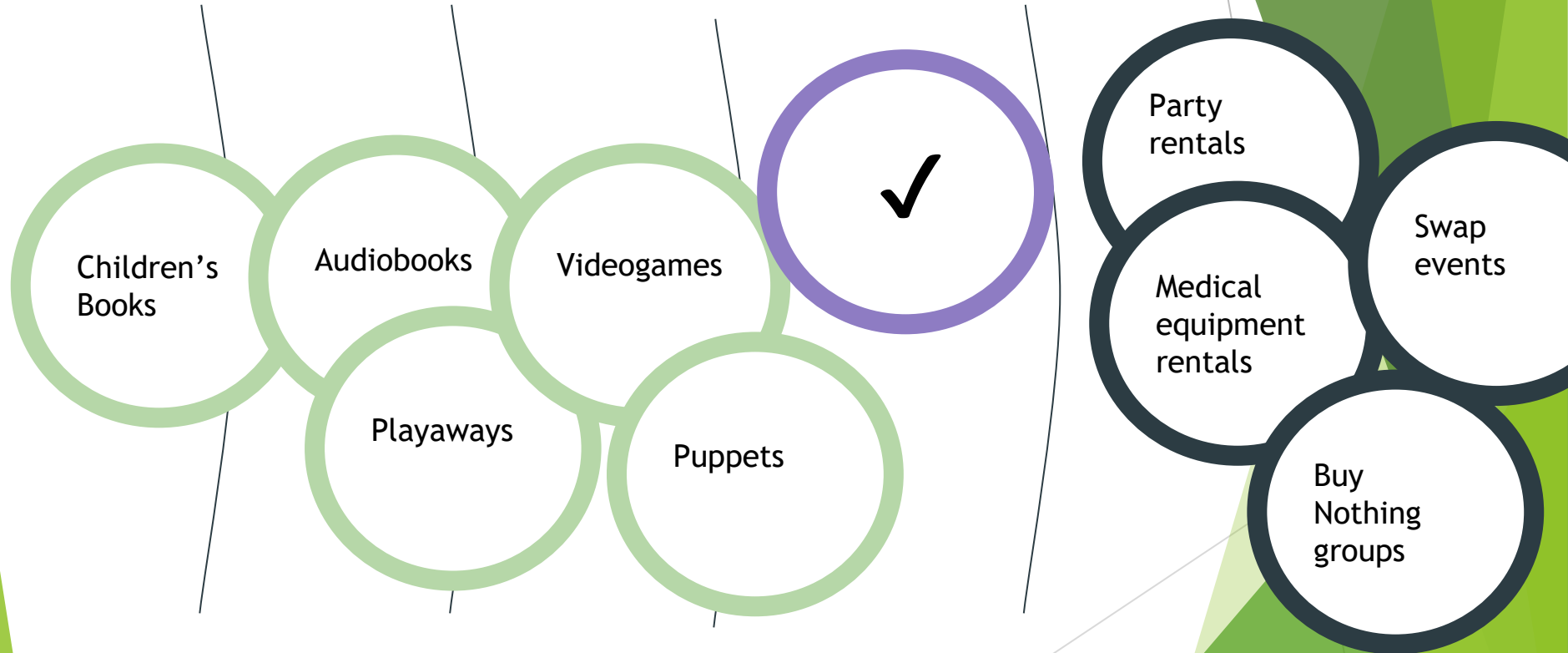
Lovevery Hide & Find Drop Box

Kids deserve materials that are relevant to their interests and designed to be accessible to them

A children's LoT served Tigard library's vision & mission

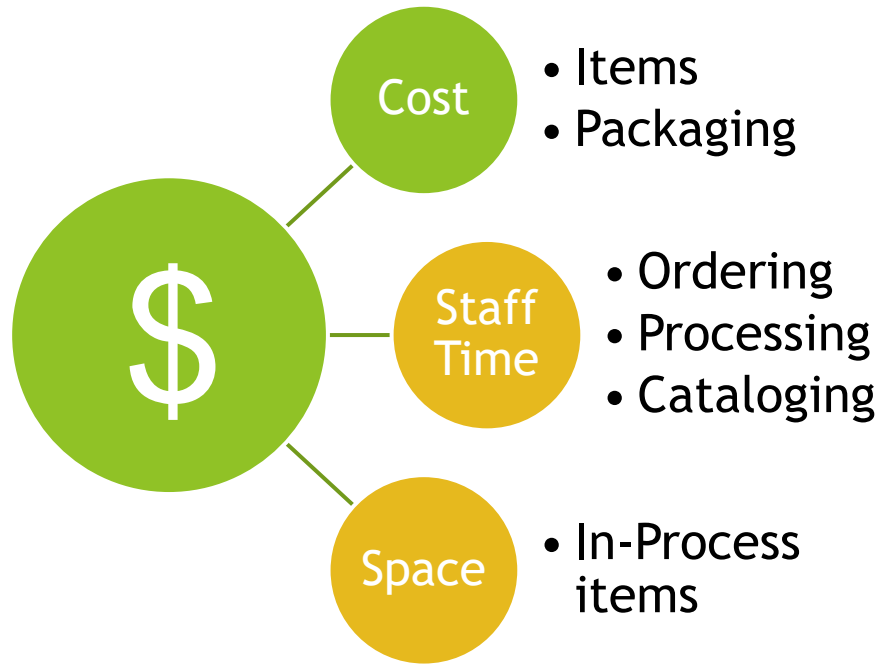
LoT are immensely fun and popular

# Scoping the collection

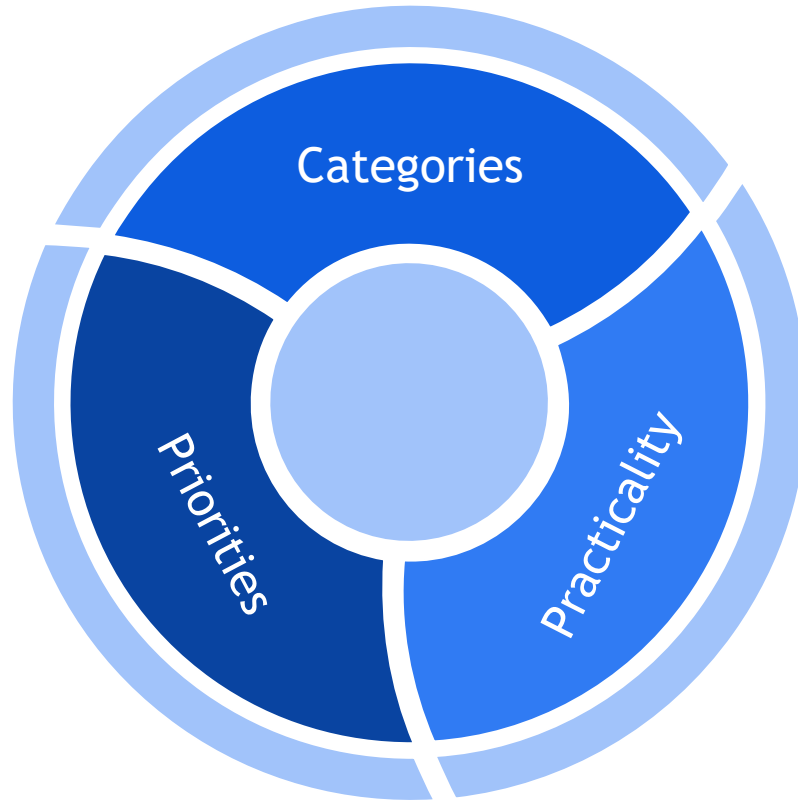




# Budgeting: From special project to regular collection



# Selection



Practicality



Minerals and Fossils Acrylic Block

Priorities



Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match Storytelling Kit

# Selection: Categories

## Library Mission

Informational  
Cultural  
Educational  
Recreational

## Sources of Inspiration

Children's museums  
Science museums  
Schools  
Popular topics at your library  
Library programs  
Toy Libraries  
Other LoT collections

## Categories

Early literacy activities  
Board games  
Construction activities  
Robots  
Scientific models  
Toys  
Musical instruments

# Exercise



1. Lotería: Cuerpo Humano



2. Blipblox Toy Synthesizer



3. Green Toys Fire Truck

## Categories

Early literacy activities, board games, construction activities, robots, scientific models, toys, musical instruments

## Practicality

Self-contained, robust, not date-specific

## Priorities

multilingual, accessible design, inclusive, environmentally friendly



# Where to shop?

## Educational retailers

ex. Lakeshore Learning, Nature Watch

## Large online retailers

## Local toy, music, and board game stores

ex. Versus Board Games, Tigard Music,  
Piccolo Mondo Toys

## Speciality sellers

ex. Lelu

## Book vendors



Piccolo Mondo Toys

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# Preparing the items for circulation

Cataloged

- local pick-up
- bilingual descriptions & access points
- photos

Transparent or original packaging

Label with barcode, RFID tag, item name, and contents

Components labeled with library initials



Alex Active Yoga Activity Blocks



Cubelets Discovery Set

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# Selecting items: wins!

Dinosaur fossils and skull replicas!

Connecting to curriculum - ozobots

Storytelling kits



Kits containing Eric Carle books and Magna-Tiles® Structures

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## Selecting items: fails & lessons

### Globes

Packaged in opaque bags



Items that can be seen  
are more appealing

### Breaking robots

Some models just didn't  
last



Not every item is robust  
for long-term circulation

### Rechargeable batteries

Added to items requiring  
batteries



What's practical depends  
on the time you have to  
dedicate to collection  
maintenance

# Sustaining: Collection Maintenance

Selector

Item Repair

Selecting  
replacements

Technical  
Services

Packaging  
Repair

Updating  
Record



# Displaying and Marketing

The collection is shelved by the entrance to the children's room



# Questions?



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